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Transmitted herewith please find an Amendment under Rule 116 in response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 2, 2010, an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO-1449 form and six (6) references for filing in the above-identified application. Since the Amendment is being filed within two months of the Final Office Action mailing date, Applicants respectfully request that the USPTO's response be issued before the expiration of the three month period of the Final Office Action mailing date (i.e., by June 2, 2010). Please charge the Credit Card of Fay Kaplun & Marcin in the amount of \$180.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees to the Deposit Account of Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP No. 50-1492.

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